MINUTES

—OF THE—

Thirtieth Annual Session

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CAPE FEAR

FREE-WILL BAPTIST CONFERENCE,

——HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT——

Colyer's Chapel, Cumberland County, N. C.,

Nov. 6th, 7th, and 8th, 1884.

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OFFICERS.

Moderator—R. A. Johnson.

Treasurer—H. W. Jernigan.

Secretary—A. W. Gregory, Barclaysville, Harnett Co., North Carolina.

COMMITTEES.

On Obituaries—Elders Wm. Byrd, R. A. Johnson, and Bro. J. G. Johnson.

On Temperance—Elders Wm. Byrd, John Moore, and R. A. Johnson.

On Ministerial Character—Bros. N. H. Lucas, Ransom West, J. G. Johnson, J. B. Jernigan, and J. P. Canaday.

Sunday-School Board—S. D. Jackson, C. B. Avery, J. H. Pope, J. E. Jolly, and N. H. Lucas.

Elders and their Post Office Address.

1st. Allen Fowler, Averasboro, Harnett Co., N. C.
2nd. Wm. Byrd, Averasboro, Harnett Co., N. C.
3rd. R. A. Johnson, Ezra, Johnston Co., N. C.
4th. S. B. Thane, Glenmore, Johnston Co., N. C.
5th. Robt. Strickland, Rhodesville, Johnston Co., N. C.
6th. A. H. Willis, Bass, Sampson Co., N. C.
7th. John Moore, Beasley Hill, Johnston Co., N. C.
8th. Joseph Salmon, Bass, Sampson Co., N. C.
9th. J. Wilson Lucas, Tennessee.
10th. J. F. Hill, Goldsboro, Wayne Co., N. C.
11th. Lundee Lee, Giles' Mills, Cumberland Co., N. C.
12th Jesse Smith, Clayton, Johnston Co., N. C.

Licentiates—Henry L. Dodd, and R. C. Wallace.

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

Elds. Moore, Johnson, and Fowler.

PROCEEDINGS.

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FIRST DAY.

COLYER'S CHAPEL CHURCH, CUMBERLAND CO., N. C.
THURSDAY, Nov. 6th, 1884.

The congregation assembles and in the absence of Elder Hill, who was elected by last Conference to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Fowler his alternate being present, proceeds and preaches the introductory sermon from Acts, 10c. 33v.

After an intermission of 10 minutes, Conference is called to order by Elder R. A. Johnson, the assistant Moderator. The names of members present are enrolled as follows:

ELDERS:

Allen Fowler, John Moore, R. A. Johnson, Wm. Byrd, Joseph Salmon, and Lundee Lee.

LICENTIATE:

H. L. Dodd.

DELEGATES:

Prospect Church—J. G. Johnson and L. M. Ryals.

Bethsaida—N. H. Lucas and C. Pleasant.

Long Branch—W. A. Norris and I. W. Wade.

Colyer's Chapel—James E. Lucas, James Raynor and Alexander Norris.

Shady Grove—S. D. Jackson and Ransom West.

Stony Run—J. J. Wade and H. W. Jernigan.

Johnston Union—Silvester Turnage, Jacob Wheeler and Josiah Corbett.

St. Mary's Grove—J. W. Pollard and J. R. Barnes.

Johnson's Chapel—W. H. Barber, J. H. Stephenson and J. P. Canaday.

Union Springs—A. W. Gregory.

Mt. Pleasant—J. E. Smith.

West's School House—J. C. Moody and Joseph West.

In the absence of the former Moderator, J. F. Hill, Elder R. A. Johnson is elected Moderator of this Conference, and calls to his assistance Elder Wm. Byrd. The Secretary being present, tenders his resignation, which is accepted, and the names of A. W. Gregory, J. P. Canaday and N. H. Lucas are put in nomination for Secretary. Elders Byrd and Lee, are appointed Tellers for the same. Bro. A. W. Gregory is elected Secretary of the Conference and calls to his assistance Bro. James P. Canaday.

The call for petitionary letters is made, and a letter is presented from New Chapel Church, asking for admission as a member of this Conference, which is granted and the name of her delegate, Devereaux Crocker enrolled.

The name of Elder B. W. Nash of the Union Association is enrolled as a visiting minister; also the name of Rev. E. Pope, of the M. E. Church is enrolled a visiting minister.

The Moderator appoints a committee on religious exercise consisting of the Pastor and Delegates of Colyer's Chapel Church.

On motion, Bro. H. W. Jernigan is elected Treasurer of this Conference.

Committee on religious exercise report to preach on to-morrow, Elder Moore followed by Rev. E. Pope. 9:30 is the time agreed on to meet to-morrow morning.

On motion, Conference adjourns. Devotional exercise by Elder Johnson.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, Nov. 7th.

Conference opens at 9:30 A. M., with devotional exercises by Elder John Moore. Roll is called and members answer to their names. Elder Robert Strickland arrives and his name is enrolled. The names of J. L. Blackman, J. B. Jernigan and W. B. Jernigan delegates from New Hope; J. W. Lucas, Delegate from Pleasant Grove; and J. N. Gregory and J. P. Stepenson, delegates from Union Springs, are enrolled.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

On motion, it is agreed that any member of this Confer-

ence being absent at roll call, shall pay a fine, not less than five nor more than ten cents.

Bro. J. G. Johnson is added to the committee on obituaries, and the committee allowed until the next annual meeting of the Conference to make a report.

On motion, the committee on Discipline is discharged. Elder R. A. Johnson is added to the committee on Temperance; and Brethren N. H. Lucas, W. H. Barber and J. J. Wade are appointed a committee on Finance. Letters from the churches are read, and by their tidings it is conceded that more interest and greater encouragement are attained, than has heretofore been perceivable.

Conference adjourns thirty minutes for dinner. Leave of absence is granted Elder William Byrd, for the remainder of the day. The question of Union is made a special order of business for to-mornow at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Committee on religious exercise report to preach to-morrow Elder Lundee Lee followed by Elder B. W. Nash. Elder Nash by his own request is excused from service at the stand, and by the request of the committee, Elder Pope occupies the time.

On motion, the time agreed upon to meet is to-morrow at 9:30, A. M.

On motion, Conference adjourns with devotional exercise conducted by Elder Fowler.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, Nov. 8th.

Conference is opened at 9:30 A. M., with religious exercise conducted by Elder Lundee Lee. The names of J. M. Avery of Prospect, and Daniel Faircloth of Pleasant Grove, are enrolled as delegates.

Roll is called and members answer to their names. Elder William Byrd, and brethren I. W. Wade, J. J. Wade and J. P. Canaday are absent.

Minutes of yesterday are read and approved.

On motion, the order of business of 1883 is adopted for 1884. The rules of business is suspended and the hearing of reports

of the several committees is made a special order for 2 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, it is agreed that the Moderator shall decide what the fine of the delinquents shall be. The decision is that each member who is absent at roll call pay ten cents.

Resolution offered by Elder Lundee Lee is received, and after discussion is adopted. (See Resolutions).

Resolution of Elder John Moore, and amended by Elder Byrd, is received and adopted. (See Resolutions).

A committee consisting of Bro. N. H. Lucas, of Bethsaida, Ransom West, of Shady Grove, J. G. Johnson, of Prospect, J. B. Jernigan, of New Hope, and J. P. Canaday, of Johnson's Chapel, are appointed a committee, to look after the general character and deportment of the ministers of Cape Fear Conference, and make a report at each annual Conference.

The name of Bro. R. C. Wallace is enrolled as a licentiate.

Petitions for the next Conference were voted on, and it was decided that the next session be held with Pleasant Grove church, Harnett county, N. C., commencing on Thursday before the second Sunday in November, 1885.

On motion, Elder William Byrd is elected to preach the introductory sermon; E der John Moore alternate.

On motion, the fines which have been collected are paid to the Treasurer of this Conference.

An intermission of 30 minutes is taken for dinner.

The letters from the churches show, that a majority of them voted to continue their connection, with the United Baptist Conference.

The Union subject is harmoniously discussed by Elders Nash, Johnson, Byrd and others.

On motion, Conference agrees that each church of the Cape Fear Freewill Baptist Conference, elect and send one or more representatives to the United Conference to be held in the year 1885.

On motion, the report of the Sunday School Board is received. (See Report.) Bros. J. G. Johnson and J. R. Barnes of the Sunday School Board tender their resignation which is accepted.

The report of the committee on soliciting funds for the purpose of erecting a Monument over the grave of Elder

Turnage, is received and committee continued. See Report.

On motion, it is agreed that the United Baptist Conference will be held with Hood Swamp Church, Wayne Co., N. C., Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1885.

The report of the Finance Cemmittee is received, and committee discharged. (See Report.)

On motion, the Secretary is ordered to have 500 copies of the proceedings of this Conference published and he is allowed $10.00 for his services out of the remainder of funds in hand, after paying for printing and distributing the same.

Committee on Temperance, is granted further time to report.

Committee on religious exercise report to preach to-morrow at the stand, Elder Johnson followed by Rev. B. W. Nash.

A vote of thanks is tendered the people of this vicinity for the kindness and hospitality shown to us during this session.

On motion the report on religious exercise is received and committee discharged.

The funds in the hands of the Treasurer amount to $33.15 and is paid to the Secretary of this Conference.

The minutes of the day are read and adopted.

Conference adjourns with closing remarks and devotional exercise, by Elder R. A. Johnson.

R. A. JOHNSON, MODERATOR.

A. W. GREGORY, *Secretary.*

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Order of Business for 1884.

1st. Introductory Sermon.
2nd. Names of those entitled to Membership.
3rd. Organization.
4th. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5th. Hand of Fellowship given to visiting Brethren.
6th. Appointment of Committees.
7th. Reports from Churches.
8th. Resolutions.
9th. Reports from Committees.
10th. Miscellaneous Business.
11th. Adjournment.

RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS.

Resolution by ELDER LUNDEE LEE:

WHEREAS, some of our ministers are young and unexperienced in the work of the ministry, and often feel the need of council from the older ministers, we think that a ministers meeting during each year would be of importance. Be it therefore resolved, that this Conference set apart a regular ministers meeting to be held some time during the year, for the special benefit of the ministry.

Resolution by ELDER MOORE:

RESOLVED, That a committee of five, lay members of Cape Fear Conference, be appointed to have an oversight of the character of the ministers of said Conference, and that said committee report at each annual Conference.

Amended by ELDER BYRD:

Be it further resolved that the Committee shall constitute a part of the Cape Fear Conference.

Report of Committee on Soliciting Funds:

We the Committee appointed at our last Conference to solicit funds for the purchase and erection of a suitable monument over the grave of Elder James Turnage submit the following report: We have collected the amounts annexed to our respective names.

Wm. Byrd,..... $ 6.50.
R. A. Johnson...$39.73.

Wm. Byrd,
R. A. Johnson, for Committee.

Report of Finance Committee:

We the Finance Committee submit the following report: We find in the hands of the Treasurer $25.25 for minutes of this Conference, $1.60 for the United Baptist Conference, $6.00 surplus minute funds of 1883, 30 cents paid by absentees, making total amount $33.15.

J. J. WADE, for Committee.

Report of Sunday-School Board:

We have held one meeting, at which three of the board were present; we have also worked individually. We have held a S. School Convention this year at Long Branch church on Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in Oct., at which was a large attendance, and we think great good accomplished.

The next convention will be held at Shady Grove church, Sampson Co., on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in Oct. 1885. We as heretofore, suggest the use of nonsectarian publications.

J. G. JOHNSON,
N. H. LUCAS, for Board.

Report of Temperance Committee:

We find the cause of Temperance is gaining strength in our churches. We, therefore, respectfully ask all our ministers to abstain from, and discountenance the use of all intoxicants; and we further reccommend to the laity of all our churches, to abstain from the use of spirituous liquors and all their concomitants.

Believing, as we do, that no minister, who uses intoxicants as a beverage, is fit for the sacred office of the ministry, and that no intoxicants either moderately or immoderately is fit for church fellowship.

Respectfullly submitted, WM. BYRD,
R. A. JOHNSON,
JOHN MOORE, } Committee

Statistics of Churches for 1884.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS for 1884.	Minute Funds.	Pastors Support,	For Monument.	Received.	Baptized,	Excluded.	Dismissed	Died.	No. Members.	Increase.	Decrease.	Sunday School Funds, &c.
Prospect	Harnett	A. H. Willis	2 50	$14 20	3 25	10	7			2	126	8		
Bethsaida	Harnett	A. Fowler	2 00	9 55		16	14	2	3	1	111	10		
Pleasant Grove	Harnett	Lundee Lee	1 00	12 80	3 00	18	14		1	2	88	15		
Long Branch	Cumberland	Lundee Lee	1 50			2		2		2	82		2	
Colyer's Chapel	Cumberland	Wm. Byrd	1 50	34 60		9	8	1	1		59	7		
Shady Grove	Sampson	A. H. Willis	3 75	33 00		12	12	3			167	9		
Stony Run	Sampson	Lundee Lee	2 50	13 00		5	4				103	5		3 20
New Hope	Johnston		1 50			6	5				35	6		
Laurel's Chapel	Johnston,	Not rep'sentd												
Johnston Union	Johnston	Jesse Smith	1 50	33 35	10 0	5	4	3	8	2	83		6	
St. Mary's Grove	Johnston	R. A. Johnson	1 50			2			1	1	61			15 0
Johnson's Chapel	Johnston	R. A. Johnson	2 00	12 50		27	20	2	2	1	68	22		1 25
Union Springs	Johnston	John Moore,	1 00	11 25		4	3		2		21	2		
Piny Grove	Johnston	Not rep'sentd												
Mt. Pleasant	Wake	R. A. Johnson	1 50			5	1	3		1	51	1		
West's School H.	Cumberland	Jos. Salmon	50	4 65							6			
New Prospect	Wayne	Not rep'sentd												
Hood Swamp*	Wayne	J. H. Hill,									47			
Friendship	Wayne	Not rep'sentd												
New Chapel	Johnston	J. A. Smith,	1 00			18	6				18			

* Statistics of last year.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as the Cape Fear Free-Will Baptist Conference.

ART. 2. The object of this Conference shall be to promote Christ's kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

ART. 3. This Conference shall be composed of its own officers, of the ministers who are members of the churches belonging to the body, of delegates from the churches, each church being entitled to three delegates, and one representative from each Board and Standing Committee.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear to the Conference a letter certifying their appointment, showing the condition and statistics of the church, and giving a statement of all funds raised during the year for denominational or other benevolent purposes.

ART. 5. The officers of this body shall be a Moderator, Treasurer, Corresponding and Recording Secretary, who shall remain in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. This Conference may, at each regular meeting, elect as many Boards or Standing Committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each regular meeting of this Conference.

ART. 7. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at a regular session of Conference through delegates appointed for that purpose. If she be received, the Moderator shall extend to her delegates the hand of fellowship,

ART. 8. The Conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

ART. 9. This Constitution may be amended at any regular session by a vote of four-fifths of the members present.